

Colorado Divorce Preparation Checklist

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A Step-by-Step Guide to Help You Get Organized Before Filing for Divorce

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS TO GATHER



Collect copies of the following documents for the past 1-3 years

Banking & Accounts

- ☐ Checking Account Statements
- ☐ Savings Account Statements
- ☐ Joint Account Statements
- ☐ Online Banking Login Info (if legally permissible)

Credit & Debt

- ☐ Credit Card Statements
- ☐ Personal Loan Statements
- ☐ Joint Account Statements
- ☐ Student Loan Documents
- ☐ Home Equity Loan Statement



Income & Employment

- ☐ Pay Stubs for Both Spouses
- ☐ W-2 or 1099 Forms
- ☐ Employment Contracts or Bonus Agreements
- ☐ Business Ownership Documents or Ledgers

Investments & Retirement

- ☐ 401 (k), IRA, Pension or PERA Statements
- ☐ Brokerage Account Statements
- ☐ Stock Option Information
- ☐ Cryptocurrency Account Statements (if applicable)

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Tax & Property

- ☐ Federal & State Tax Returns for 3 to 5 Yrs
- ☐ Mortgage Statements
- ☐ Property Deeds
- ☐ Rental Property Documents
- ☐ Vehicle Titles
- ☐ Appraisals for Valuable Items

Insurance & Other Assets

- ☐ Life Insurance Policies
- ☐ Home & Auto Insurance Policies
- ☐ Health Insurance Documentation
- ☐ List of Photos of Valuable Property & Household Items



PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD PREPARATION

Identify & Legal Documents

- ☐ Social Security Cards
- ☐ Birth Certificates
- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Prenuptial or Postnuptial Agreements (if any)

Account & Information Security

- ☐ Create A Private Email Account
- ☐ Change Passwords for Banking, Cloud Storage and Social Accounts
- ☐ Secure Important Documents in a Safe Location

Housing Considerations

- ☐ Identify if you plan to remain in the marital home
- ☐ Understand financial responsibilities for the home
- ☐ Consider the impact of moving on parenting time

CHILD-RELATED PREPARATION

Parenting Plan Considerations

- ☐ Weekday and Weekend Schedules
- ☐ Holiday Rotations
- ☐ School and Extracurricular Coordination
- ☐ Transportation Details
- ☐ Communication Plans Between Parents

Information to Gather

- ☐ School Records and Academic Information
- ☐ Medical and Dental Records
- ☐ Therapy or Counseling Documents (if applicable)
- ☐ Preferred Childcare or Supervision Plans

Child Support Preparation

- ☐ Childcare Expenses
- ☐ Extracurricular Costs
- ☐ Health Insurance Premiums
- ☐ Expected Educational Expenses



EMOTIONAL AND LOGISTICAL PREPARATION

Support System

- ☐ Identify trusted friends or family for support
- ☐ Consider working with a therapist or counselor
- ☐ Research local support groups

Personal Readiness

- ☐ Define your goals for custody
- ☐ Outline your financial needs after divorce
- ☐ Determine priorities for property division
- ☐ Prepare for negotiation and compromise



LEGAL PREPARATION

Before Hiring an Attorney

- ☐ Research Colorado divorce laws and requirements
- ☐ Determine whether you meet the residency requirement
- ☐ Consider your readiness for mediation or negotiation

When Meeting with Your Attorney

Bring the following questions:

- ☐ What are my rights under Colorado divorce law?
- ☐ What should I avoid doing before filing?
- ☐ What is the likely cost and timeline for my case?
- ☐ What can I expect regarding parenting time?
- ☐ What financial obligations may apply?
- ☐ What should I do immediately to protect my interests



Optional but Recommended Steps

- ☐ Create a post-divorce budget
- ☐ Freeze or monitor joint credit accounts
- ☐ Obtain a copy of your credit report
- ☐ Document property or valuables with photos
- ☐ Gather messages or evidence that may be relevant to your case
- ☐ Start a journal documenting parenting involvement and schedules



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